



Connecticut's Health Insurance Marketplace

Special Meeting of the All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2014
Time: 9:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST
Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 1E

Members Present

Robert Aseltine, Robert Tessier, Mary Ellen Breault, Kimberly Martone for Jewel Mullen, Jean Rexford, Matthew Katz, Robert Scalettar, James Iacobellis, Victor Villagra (phone), Mary Taylor, Vicki Veltri, Michael Michaud for Patricia Rehmer, Barbara Parks Wolf for Ben Barnes, Joshua Wojcik for Kevin Lembo

Members Absent

Kevin Counihan, Roderick Bremby, Anne Melissa Dowling for Thomas Leonardi, Mary Alice Lee, Dean Myshrall, Thomas Woodruff

Other Participants

Phyllis Hyman, Virginia Lamb, Tamim Ahmed, Robert Blundo, Matthew Salner, Christen Orticari

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Tamim Ahmed called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and members introduced themselves.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of April 10th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mary Taylor requested the removal of the sentence fragment under Section X on Next Steps, which included her name. Matthew Katz suggested formatting changes and asked that his motion, during the Section VII on Legal Issues Concerning Various Aspects of the APCD, be further clarified. Acceptance of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

IV. CEO/ ED Updates

Mr. Ahmed provided an overview of the procurement process for a data management vendor and explained work continued on the contract. Virginia Lamb stated that information from the contract's statement of work could be shared with members in the future. Mr. Ahmed reported that various data privacy and security issues were being addressed in the Data Privacy and Security Subcommittee, and commented that the denied claims use cases and dental data intake processes were in consideration by the Policy and Procedure Enhancement Subcommittee. Mr. Ahmed said that AHA was in discussions regarding partnership on the State Innovation Model (SIM) grant. Mr. Ahmed briefed the group on the security audit of the data management vendor.

V. DSS

Mr. Ahmed introduced Phyllis Hyman, an attorney for the Department of Social Services (DSS), and stated that at the last Advisory Group meeting, members expressed interest in learning more about DSS plans to submit Medicaid data to the APCD.

Ms. Hyman summarized state and federal laws regarding submission of Medicaid data. She said that the APCD enabling legislation (CGS Section 38a-1091) did not require the reporting of Medicaid data to the APCD. Ms. Hyman also cited federal Medicaid regulations (42 CFR 431.300 to 431.307, inclusive) which allowed Medicaid data disclosure for purposes directly related to Medicaid plan administration. Members discussed whether the proposed uses of APCD data would meet the definition of “plan administration” under these regulations. Vicki Veltri mentioned that other state APCDs incorporate Medicaid data. **Mr. Katz made a motion to formally request that DSS provide a written explanation, by the next APCD Advisory Group meeting, of whether it is possible to submit Medicaid data to the APCD, and that DSS work with the APCD Advisory Group to justify this data submission with regard to the federal regulations concerning Medicaid plan administration. Ms. Veltri seconded the motion.** Dr. Scalettar proposed an amendment which would require AHA staff to work with DSS to research the submission of Medicaid data to other state APCDs. Mr. Katz said that the amendment was not friendly, because it was the responsibility of DSS to make a decision on this matter. Dr. Scalettar withdrew his amendment. Mr. Ahmed called for a vote on Mr. Katz’s motion. **Motion was passed unanimously without abstention.**

VI. Procurement Overview

Mr. Ahmed reported on the data management vendor procurement. A summary was provided on the Request for Proposals (RFP) review and evaluation process. Out of the five vendors who met the criteria for an internal review, the top three were invited to give oral presentations. One of the three vendors was unable to present at the scheduled time. AHA is working with legal counsel to develop the contract and will begin negotiations with the selected vendor in the near future.

VII. Update on Proposed Timeline for Data Collection

Robert Blundo briefed members on the AHA proposal for an updated timeline for data intake. Mr. Blundo reviewed the newly proposed submission timeline for planning purposes following the contract effective date. The proposed revised timeline was contingent on the date of the first kick off meeting with the vendor onboard and all submitters.

VIII. Status of SIM Project and APCD Collaboration

Mark Schaefer, director of the SIM Program Management Office, presented an overview of the SIM Initiative and discussed potential opportunities to collaborate with the APCD. Mr. Schaefer described the funding announcement, goals, and timeline for the new four-year SIM grant opportunity. The high level goals targeted triple aim initiatives, which support the creation of a “whole person” centered system with increased access to care and reduced costs. The SIM PMO is presently developing plans to accomplish nine requirements throughout the four year timeframe allotted by CMS.

Mr. Schaefer discussed ways that SIM may be able to collaborate with the APCD to facilitate the accomplishment of operational and data intake requirements. If DSS is unable to share Medicaid data with the APCD, SIM may be able to support the inclusion of this data in through an edge server, which is being procured. Mr. Schaefer said that the APCD could play in integral role in helping SIM to produce claims extracts, and suggested that the SIM test grant funds may be available to support APCD implementation and contribute to sustainability. Ms. Veltri commented that one of the roles of the SIM Initiative is to facilitate and coordinate efforts for improving data access within the state to assist in health care system transformation.

IX. Update on Focus Group Findings

Mr. Ahmed reviewed the purpose and findings from focus group research facilitated recently by AHA. Mr. Ahmed reviewed the focus group methodology, summarized factors that appear to influence consumer shopping, provided findings, and discussed next steps. Christen Orticari stated that the purpose of the research was to gather consumer input on consumer decision support tools, and that AHA intended to convene additional focus groups in the future.

X. Status of Various Subcommittees

Dr. Scalettar reported that the Data Privacy and Security Subcommittee last met on April 1, and planned to meet on June 26 to discuss aspects of the RFP and the vendor security audit. Mr. Katz said that the Policy and Procedure Enhancement Subcommittee met on May 5 to discuss the potential future submission of denied claims data and dental data. Mr. Katz said that the subcommittee would continue discussing these topics at their meeting on June 27.

XI. Next Steps

No next steps were discussed at this time.

XII. Future Meetings

Mr. Ahmed announced that the next regular meeting of the APCD Advisory Group would be held on July 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Legislative Office Building in room 1D.

XIII. Adjournment

Dr. Scalettar motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.